

ONE HUNDRED CARS AWAITING SHIPMENT NOW

Flock of Automobiles in San Francisco for Honolulu Dealers—Lack of Space on Ships from Coast Cause of Delay

Nearly every automobile dealer in the city of Honolulu is anxiously awaiting receipt of the shipment of cars ordered a week, two or three weeks ago. Owing to lack of cargo space on the steamers plying between the coast and the Hawaiian Islands there has been considerable delay in delivery. It is estimated that there are at least five hundred cars lying in storage in San Francisco awaiting the time when a little space can be secured on board a steamer for Honolulu. A large majority of these cars have already been sold and on their arrival here will simply be turned over to purchasers.

Besides the delay in the delivery of automobiles there has likewise been a delay in the shipment of tires. Automobile service dealers and representatives of well-known tire firms are experiencing the greatest difficulty in supplying the local demand. Some who have managed to do so are hoping against hope that the next steamer will bring in the tires that were ordered weeks ago.

Accessories Delayed
Delivery of other automobile accessories have suffered in the same way. Lamps, axles, bumpers, chains, castings and the thousand and one things that go to make an automobile serviceable and comfortable are hard to obtain and although some of the dealers have considerable old stock on hand only a few shipments of new accessories have been received.

The local manager of one automobile company today told of how their shipment of 30 cars arrived in San Francisco several weeks ago and on a promise from the steamship company of space on the steamer immediately the flock was rushed from the train to the wharf where it was learned that it would be impossible for the boat to take them on that trip. The cars then had to be taken back and stored in a San Francisco garage and the local dealer has had to pay the high cost of storage ever since then. Even today he is not certain when his cars will be shipped.

"I'm not blaming the steamship company," he said, "because ten to one the government took the available space to ship something here, but it was an awful disappointment."

Waiting Three Weeks
Another dealer declared today that his shipment of cars has been lying in San Francisco for three weeks awaiting space on a boat for the island and remarked that if he got the cars within two weeks he would consider himself lucky.

Other dealers in this city have notified their shipping agents in San Francisco to "keep their eyes on the job" watching for a bit of available space on any ship leaving for Honolulu.

Most of the local branches are confident that their cars will be delivered within a month's time and some are sure that the next steamer will bring their lot.

The List
A canvass of the various dealers reveals the fact that at least 500 automobiles will be added to the total already on the island of Oahu when the cars ordered reach here. The von Hamm-Young Co. expects quite a large number of cars including the new series of the Chalmers, Dodge, Buick, Cadillac and Roovers.

The Royal Hawaiian Garage looks forward to more than a score of new series cars of the Reo and Cole models. Reo trucks are also expected in the same delivery.

The Schuman Carriage Co. while not making public the number of Chalmers and other makes expected, admits that a number of new series cars should arrive on the next boat.

Smoot & Steinhilber are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the batch of cars ordered and fully expect to see delivery made within the next two weeks. Ables-Hertsche Co. is another firm that has been slightly hampered by the lack of shipping space on boats to the island but has managed to meet demands to date and figures that its new delivery will be made in time to handle the autumn trade.

Frank Coombs of the Elgin Six agency is hoping against hope that his order will be filled within the next few weeks.

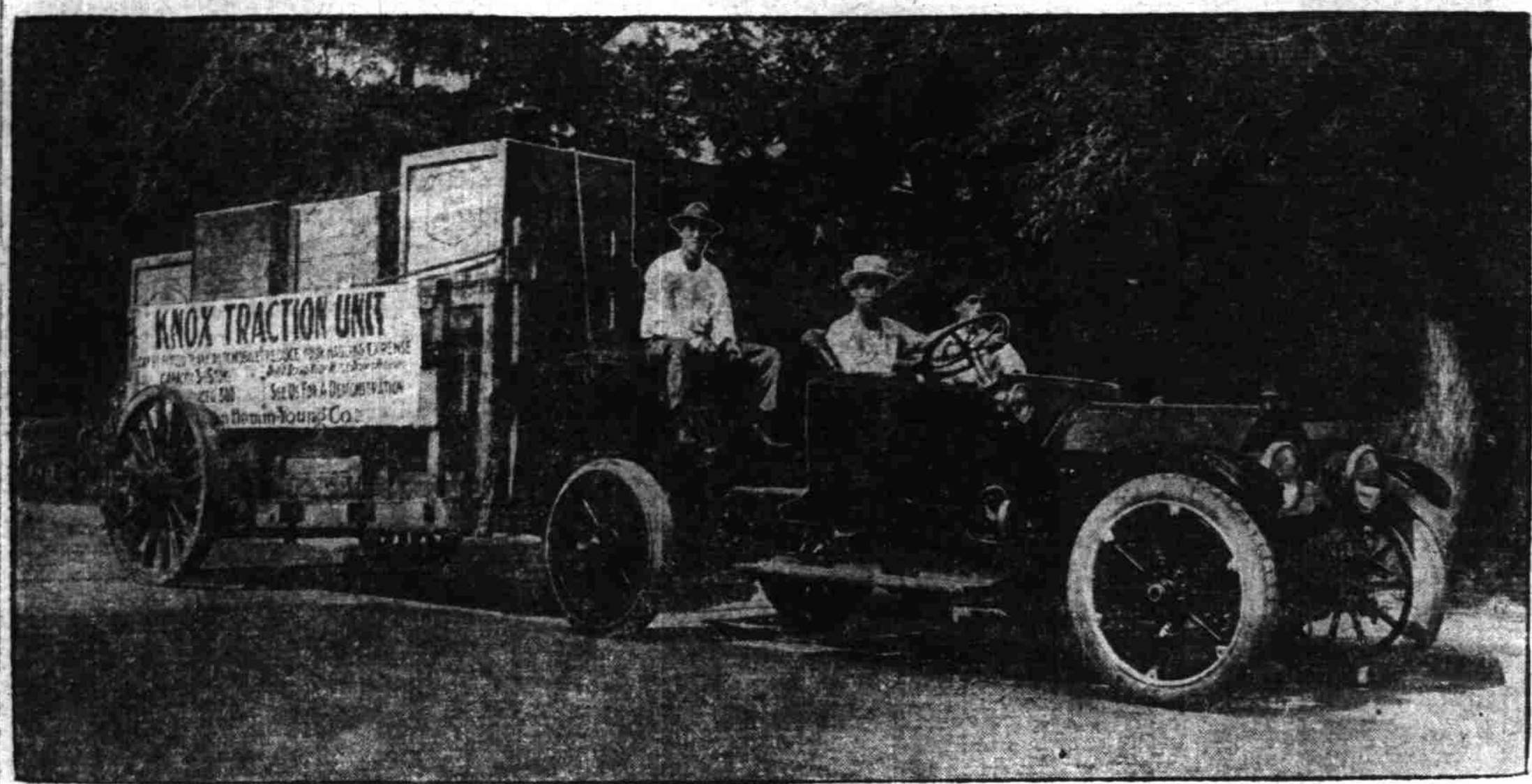
In the Tire Trade
Among the tire dealers the Retire Supply Co. has its schedule mapped for the arrivals of a big shipment of Federal tires. The Auto Service & Supply Co. has some Goodyear tires and casing coming shortly and the Tashiro Vulcanizing Co. has 300 Mohawk tires on the way.

It has been suggested that when all the cars arrive in town a small automobile show exhibiting the new models be held and a large percentage of dealers are looking with favor upon the idea. Just how far the matter will be carried is uncertain until the shipments due are delivered. Do Not Blame Ships

Practically all the dealers in the city are unanimous in the expression of opinion that the steamship companies are doing everything possible to hurry local delivery and all are looking forward to an early solution of the problem of delayed shipments.

When going down a long hill shut off ignition. This also saves gasoline. Even if you use the engine as a brake, with throttle closed you draw very little gasoline. If throttle is opened, however, you draw out a great deal. So keep throttle closed.

NEW TRACTION UNIT SHOWN BY LOCAL DEALER



THE KNOX TRACTION UNIT.
The first Knox Traction Unit to arrive in Honolulu was driven about the downtown streets yesterday to allow the public to inspect its many features. The unit is adaptable to any size of a car that does not have the transmission on the rear axle. During its showing yesterday it was attached to a Cadillac and performed its tests satisfactorily. It is made in three sizes—two, three and five-ton capacity. Any other horse-drawn vehicle may be attached with the same success.

TRADE GROWS

U. S. Motor Exports for July Show Huge Increase Over Figures of Last Year

American automobile manufacturers continue to reap a harvest in foreign fields, according to figures made public by the department of commerce.

During July last they sent to various foreign countries 6467 cars, valued at \$7,183,583, together with parts to the value of \$2,130,938.

This is a substantial gain over the exports for the corresponding period of 1916. Figures follow: Commercial cars, 1386, valued at \$3,561,583; passenger cars, 5081, valued at \$3,621,539.

For the seven months' period ended July, 1917, the exports were 8572 commercial machines, valued at \$20,620,076, and 41,143 pleasure cars, valued at \$30,752,081, together with parts to the value of \$16,958,419.

CONVERTIBLE CAR BECOMING VERY POPULAR

With the fall season at hand the convertible body car—the open and closed vehicle in one unit—promises to be more popular than ever. Several of the leading manufacturers are already increasing their production of this type, and the sales reports from the field are said to be most encouraging.

No discussion of the convertible body type of car is complete without reference to the novel four-door Cole eight tourdian. This offering was first shown to the public at the larger automobile shows early this year, when it attracted an unusual amount of attention. The Cole Motor Car Company was unable to produce it in quantities, however, for several months, because of inability to get the necessary materials.

However, the Cole company had succeeded in overcoming this, and production is going forward in full swing. George S. Wells of the Royal Hawaiian Garage expects to have some of the new series Cole cars arrive on the next steamer from the coast, together with a number of Reo pleasure cars and Reo trucks. The Royal Hawaiian Garage received 29 bundles of Pennsylvania Grip tires early this week and the demand is rapidly depleting the supply on hand. The Pennsylvania tires go like hot cakes in winter months, said Mr. Wells yesterday, "owing to their reliability on wet streets."

FIVE-MINUTE-CURE IS COMING TO HONOLULU

Five hundred cans of "five-minute-cure-for-tires" will arrive in the city early next week from the coast for the Tashiro Vulcanizing company. The five minute cures are something new in the way of the patching paste and are expected to sell like the proverbial hot cakes.

A shipment of Mohawk tires is also due on November 1 for this concern. The shipment is expected to contain 300 tires of this brand. The Tashiro Vulcanizing company has found the market brisk for this particular tire and is stocking up for the winter trade. Further shipments will arrive during the month.

FORCE INCREASED.

The Von Hamm-Young garage mechanics force was increased by the addition of two members early this week, both of whom come from San Francisco. The two men were L. H. Sill and Harold Price, and have already started upon their duties.

LITTLE HOPE FOR CHEAPER AUTO THIS YEAR DESPITE CUT IN PRICES OF STEEL, SAY BUILDERS

MUCH emphasis has been placed on the soaring cost of pig iron and steel by automobile manufacturers throughout the United States, who within the recent months have announced sharp increases in the prices of their motor cars. Consequently when the price of steel was cut in half some few weeks ago by agreement between President Woodrow Wilson and the steel magnates the question naturally suggested itself as to whether the automobile buyer would reap the benefit.

The presidents of five of the leading automobile manufacturing companies in United States were interviewed and their replies follow:

PRICES WILL BE LOWER IN SIX MONTHS

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 1.—Alvan Macauley, president Packard Motor Car Company, said: "The government agreement respecting the price of pig iron probably would favorably affect the price of motor cars ultimately, unless, as expected, increases in the cost of labor and the general expense of operating the manufacturing plants should offset the lower cost of materials."

Any lowering of the price of automobiles, however, could not be effective for at least six months, since virtually all manufacturers buy materials and stock up that far ahead.

COST TO MANUFACTURER NOT REDUCED ONE CENT

KENOSHA, Wis., Oct. 1.—C. W. Nash, president Nash Motors Company, said: "Most decidedly, the fixing of prices on steel by the government and the steel companies will have no bearing whatever upon the price of automobiles. This is due to the fact that all automobile concerns and those supplying the accessory parts of automobiles have contracted for their steel and, in many cases, have a large quantity of steel going through work and process. Any price arrangement between the government and the steel companies will not reduce the cost to the manufacturer of automobiles one cent."

"I am prepared to believe that all contracts now in existence, which are usually made for several months ahead with the steel companies, will stand exactly as they were made."

Lincoln Highway Founder Serving U. S. Government

DETROIT, Mich.—Carl G. Fisher, of Indianapolis, originator and now vice president and director of the Lincoln Highway association, has been giving practically all of his time recently to the government in the promotion of aeronautics. Mr. Fisher is supervising the laying out of a trial aerial route in Indiana and Illinois, securing the necessary landing places along the way and providing for a system of electrical signal lights for the instruction and guidance of government flyers in the air at night.

If Mr. Fisher's aerial routing plan meets with the success he hopes, it is entirely probable that a national routing of similar character will be established by the government. Mr. Fisher has in mind the selection of the Lincoln highway for this route. To make the plan practical, one adopted, it will be necessary for the cities, towns and communities along the Lincoln highway to give their active cooperation in the matter of establishing suitable landing stations and providing the electric facilities for the promotion of night flying.

LITTLE "JOY RIDING" NOWADAYS IN ENGLAND

Many persons have been wondering just who have been the biggest users of gasoline in England under the present licensing system. Some newspapers have been arguing that private motor cars were using too great a percentage and that there was too much joy-riding for war times. To answer the situation the president of the board of trade, which has this matter in hand, has made an official investigation, and his report shows that only nine per cent of the fuel is consumed by private motor cars, which includes all private cars employed on government work and those in connection with munition factories.

CUT IN STEEL WILL NOT OFFSET COST

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 1.—Edward S. Jordan, president Jordan Motor Car Company, said: "The reduced price of steel will not affect the inventories carried by motor car manufacturers for several months. Furthermore, it will not offset the increased cost of production, due to reduced output."

The big cost items contributing to increased prices are transportation and labor. There will be a shortage of motor cars this winter, not because of increased demand, but due to decreased production and the difficulties of transportation.

MILLS TOO CROWDED TO PRODUCE AT NEW RATES

DETROIT, Mich.—Walter E. Pland, president Maxwell Motor Co., said: "It is my opinion that the announced reduction in the price of pig iron, steel, and some other raw materials by the United States government will not, for some time to come, affect the retail selling price of automobiles. Automobile manufacturers have contracted for material at present prices a good many months in advance, in order to protect themselves against delays in deliveries, and the steel mills and blast furnaces are so crowded with government work and other work that they will have no opportunity to produce materials at the new prices for many months to come."

"This should not be taken as a forecast, but simply as the opinion of one producer of automobiles."

PASTE THIS ON THE WINDSHIELD OF CAR

SAFETY FIRST
When you come across a crossing here's a simple rule for you.
Stop and look and listen and be sure that you can view.
The track from every angle and that nothing is in sight.
Then start again your journey, and you'll cross the crossing right.

CLOSED FORDS TO COST MORE

While most of the prices for other makes have been jumping rapidly in the last few months the Ford car has remained stable and its boosters pointed with pride and predicted that the old reliable would always remain the same. But there is a shock in store for intending purchasers of Ford cars. Schuman Carriage Co., local agents, received word yesterday from the head factory on the mainland that on account of increases in the price of body materials all Ford closed cars would be increased in price shortly.

The war tax figures on the Ford car were also given out. A three per cent tax will be levied on the list price of cars and this tax must be paid by the purchaser at the time he pays his license fee.

EVERYTHING GOING UP. WHY TALK OF STEEL?

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 1.—F. E. Moskovics, vice-president Nodyke & Marmon Company, said: "We, here, cannot see where the price reduction of steel will make any vast difference in the price of motor cars. By analyzing the problem and considering the total tonnage of steel involved, with the pro rata reduction, you will readily see that the price of steel has not regulated the advance in motor car prices so much as the price of every single thing in the car, from glass to tires and labor, which is an infinitely greater item than raw steel—which shows no variation in price. All operative costs, power and machine tools are in exact the same position."

Eventually the matter of steel prices may have some influence, but not in the immediate future.

Don't Deflate Tires In Heat Bibee Advises

It has been the custom of many motorists who leave their cars parked in the sunshine while at work downtown to deflate their tires. This is a mistake according to Bill Bibee of the Auto Service Supply company, and as he is one of the best tire experts in the city, he ought to know. He has made a thorough study of the matter and warns motorists against deflating their tires when the car is in the sunshine.

"If anything," says Bibee, "put in more air. Take for instance a four inch tire. Put in eight pounds and it will expand in the hot weather more than a pound or so because the size tire is made for twenty pounds to the inch."

"But take the tire that is deflated and see what happens. There is a good deal of friction in the casing and this friction causes expansion."

"In the evening the drop in temperature sends the pressure down and as a result the pressure is constantly changing which is the worst possible thing for a tire."

THREE CARS FOR STATION

Only three motor cars arrived on the steamer from the mainland which came into port early in the week and all three cars were for the government. One was a huge Federal truck for the Pearl Harbor navy station and the other two were Holt tractors, also for the same place.

Opening the relief valves to see if a cylinder is missing explosions is a good way, but it sometimes fails unless you speed up the motor. Give the engine plenty of gas, and you will frequently get a burst of flame through the valve from what you thought was a dead cylinder.

HALF A MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE SPENT ON GOOD ROADS NEXT YEAR

Chas. N. Arnold, Chairman of Roads Committee of Board of Supervisors, Says Policy of Administration Will Be One Largely of Roads—Has Half a Dozen Big Projects and a Thousand Little Ones in Mind

HALF a million dollars to put the roads of Oahu and particularly the business section of Honolulu in good condition will be spent in 1918 by the board of supervisors. Chas. N. Arnold, chairman of the roads committee, outlined half a dozen big projects and a thousand little ones he has in mind for improving the downtown section of the city and also the outside roads.

"We'll spend at least that much and more if we can get it, but when we get through there will be a big change in the aspect of the roads throughout this city and county," declared Mr. Arnold yesterday.

Among the projects which will be started next year will be improvements for streets in the business section, the Waialae road, Liliha street, King street south, and King street, Waikiki way, Nuuanu street, Beretania street, Paoula road, Bishop street and a hundred other plans including work in the Fourth district.

Situation Surveyed
The roads committee of the board has spent the past few weeks making a survey of the city and county with a view to mapping out the work to be undertaken next year. This inspection has now been concluded in part and yesterday Chairman Arnold gave out the list of the various projects which will receive first attention in the 1918 program.

"The first thing is permanent roads for the business section," he said, "from River to Richards street and from Beretania to the waterfront. That will have to be given first consideration. I have suggested that the section be laid out in units, the contracts to be let for one unit at a time or the contract to be let for the whole thing at once if the money can be found and the work started and kept going," said Mr. Arnold.

Waialae Road
"The next project should be the Waialae road from King street and Beretania to Twelfth avenue. The relocation of tracks in the center of this street will give us a chance to put in permanently improved roads."

"I have in mind to see that improvement in the Fourth district takes place next year as well as in the Fifth district. The neighborhood may not be so pleasant but with the improvement of the roads in the district a better class of buildings will probably go up."

"Then there is the Liliha street work from King to the top. This street is in bad condition and repairs upon it are useless. We will simply have to tear up the old road and put in a permanent road. This is one thing that must be done."

King Street
"Doubletracking of King street should take place next year and with the relocation of the tracks we will have to take advantage of the work to put in a good road on both sides of the street."

"Mr. Ballentyne, of the Rapid Transit Co., told me before he left that during his stay on the mainland he would interview Judge Gary in the East with a view to getting the steel rails, ordered long ago, shipped to Honolulu."

"Going out Ewa way on King street the relocation of the tracks will also permit us to do some work."

Beretania Street
"Then there is Beretania street from Punahou to Waialae road. The opening of this street will relieve the congestion of traffic to Kaimuki district on King street."

"Punahou road, an extension of Bishop street from Queen to the waterfront and a possibility of sending it the other way from Hotel to Beretania street, the Punahou road cut-off across Kalili harbor, Nuuanu street work and the island belt road are a few other things which I might mention will take place in 1918."

"Now about that Nuuanu street. That must be fixed. Every tourist who makes the round the island trip goes by way of the Pal and he is disgusted with the opening part of the trip."

"I can assure you that we will spend every bit of half a million and when we get through there will be noticeable difference in the road situation on this island. We are going to give Oahu good roads and every cent that we can get from every source will be used for that purpose," concluded Mr. Arnold.

MOTORBIKE COPS BUSY ENFORCING TRAFFIC RULES

The activities of the motorcycle squad, especially Officers Branco and Ferrera, have resulted in the arrest and conviction of a great number of motorists during the past week. The principal offenses are running without proper lights, operating the car with cut-out open, speeding and failing to stop when approaching a street car discharging passengers.

Judge Irwin is backing the officers in their campaign against traffic violators. It is a rare case when an offender gets off scot-free. Nearly every one of the persons haled before the magistrate pleaded guilty and meekly paid his fine. Few of them are caught the second time.

The Police Trap
The new paved street on Beretania avenue, between Atapai and Punahou streets, has been a source of trouble to motorists. They generally hit it up along the smooth roadway and as a result are stopped by the officers. Beretania street is at present as popular with autoists as Kalakaua avenue, and the speedsters are just as prominent. The motorcycle squad, however, have been keeping their eyes on the new thoroughfare, and the motorists have come to realize that they must keep within the law whether it is an ideal speedway or not. Following is a list of persons arrested during the past week:

The List
Oct. 15—F. J. Nelson; driving auto without chauffeur's certificate; fined \$10.
Oct. 15—E. Miner; violating speed limit; fined \$25.
Oct. 15—F. S. Connick; violating muffler ordinance; fined \$10.
Oct. 16—Charles Crane; failing to display proper lights; fined \$10.
Oct. 17—Mrs. A. Soares; rules on passing street car; forfeited bail, \$10.
Oct. 17—H. Knaack; violating muffler ordinance; fined \$10.
Oct. 17—Takahashi; rules on passing street cars; fined \$10.

LIST OF TEMPORARY LICENSES ISSUED

Following is a list of those who have been granted temporary auto licenses, and the machines they are authorized to operate:
James McAlpine, Schuman Carriage Co., Dodge; Amelia Soares, Emma street, Dodge; Alexander Baillie, 509 Young street, Dodge; John Dixon, Schofield, Indian; Ralph Barker, Shafter, Harley; Wagner Owens, Schofield, Indian; Bruce Sheldon, Ford; Walter Colhoun, 1835 Wilder avenue; William Brokaw, Schofield, Studebaker; William J. Nolan, Shafter, Studebaker; John Showers, St. Elmo hotel; James Lewis, Jr., Makiki street; Carlos Valadado, Fort Kamehameha, Chalmers; Antonio Cavaso, 89 Judd street, Henderson; G. J. Glover, Schofield, Excelsior; John Lemes, 675 Magellan avenue, Oakland; R. D. Scudder, 1225 Pikoi street, Overland; Y. Ishii, Kaimuki, Maxwell; Claude Lehman, Shafter, Saxon; Alice Dowsett, Punahou street, Pierce-Arrow.

KEEP POSTED ON CHANGING NUMBERS

The list of the changes in numbers and new numbers granted to automobile owners during the week. Cut this out and paste it in your book of automobile numbers. The Star-Bulletin publishes each week similar lists in order that the motorists can keep their books up to date.

Following is the list of automobile licenses and the names of drivers since October 15:

289—Mrs. C. J. McCarthy, Dodge.
1220—John Lemes, Oakland.
1293—Mrs. J. D. Marques, Maxwell.
1798—Tso Sin Mau, Ford.
1838—J. H. Edwards, Dodge.
1901—Mrs. A. H. Hamilton, Buick.
2131—Mrs. A. H. Hamilton, Buick.
2216—G. W. Ping, Chandler.
2330—Loo Ping, Chandler.
2538—A. Borbo, Ford.
3272—George Ellison, Reo.
3273—T. Imai, Ford.
3274—Palace of Sweets, Federal.
3275—J. Iwanaga, Maxwell.
3276—K. Fujiwara, Ford.